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Local and General.

Mrs. Joslyn, of Edmonton, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. A. M. Campbell.

Aunger & Shute, dental parlors, upstairs over Morris & Taylor's hardware store.

Remember A. J. McLaughlin's stock clearing sale beginning Saturday, May 16, 1908.

Attend the charity concert in Day's hall next Monday night and thus help in a good cause.

This district has been blessed with some very beneficial showers during the past seven days.

See on page 8 announcement of A. J. McLaughlin's great reduction sale which begins Saturday, May 16, 1908.

Patton & Abel are busy at Gull Lake at present where they have the contract of erecting Wiese's new hotel.

Miss Alice Ermold, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has come to spend the summer with Mrs. C. A. Gibson at Mauna Ala.

Vernon Shrope, aged 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Shrope, died at the home of his parents in the Medicine Valley on Wednesday.

Fire raged in the vicinity of Bentley the latter part of last week. Much young timber and fire wood, valuable to the owners, was destroyed.

Some of the patrons of Gull Lake summer resort are already on the ground. All indications point to a large patronage of this famous resort this season.

Blackfalds is preparing a big celebration for the 25th. A good program of sports is being provided, the Lacombe Brass Band has been engaged, and weather permitting the crowd will be there.

T. E. Convers, of Gull Lake, lost most of his buildings and contents by prairie fire last week. His residence escaped. His loss includes hay, feed and seed grain, implements, etc., and amounts to thousands of dollars.

A Grand Concert will be given by local talent, in Day's opera house, Lacombe, on Monday evening, May 18, the proceeds to be devoted to charitable purposes. Doors open at 7:30, concert begins at 8. Reserved seats 50 cents, general admission 25 cents.

Dispatches say that one of the most disastrous bush fires in the history of the country swept through the district 70 miles west of Edmonton on Thursday of last week, leaving in its wake nothing but blackened tree trunks, devastated homesteads and the ruins of a rich thickly wooded country. Miles upon miles of country have been swept bare of verdure by this fire and the loss in property will be large.

About 9 o'clock Saturday morning D. Cameron's farm residence near Stettler caught fire from the kitchen chimney and burned so rapidly that the family found it impossible to check the flames or save any of the household goods. They had just moved onto the farm for the summer a few days previously, and thus lost practically everything. The loss is a very heavy one to them. They have returned to Lacombe and now expect to remain here for the present.

THE BYLAW DEFEATED.

The defeat of the debenture by-law on Saturday last came as a surprise to many of the ratepayers of the town and as a sudden and severe jolt to the Trimble-Hotson-Halpin faction. Under the 1907 administration the by-law would have carried with a strong majority. While there was much groundless hostility to the council of last year the public knew full well that the municipal government was composed of men who were conducting the business of the town in a business way, and even the official organ of the fault-finders' aggregation has recently mentioned the town drain as one of the permanent improvements and drawing cards of the town. The reforms of the 1907 council were so conspicuous and so rigid that opposition was inevitable. On the other hand the results achieved were so great that it was impossible for the public to realize that such a work could be wrought within the short space of one year and many of them (now to their sorrow) fell an easy prey to the misrepresentations of those who on the one hand were seeking notoriety, and on the other revenge. Why was there not more opposition to the by-law? Because the opposition largely came from the supporters of the present administration, who have reason to be ashamed of the men placed in charge of our town's affairs so they have most effectively at the first opportunity, and without openly asking forgiveness for the irreparable injury done the town, shown their want of confidence in these men. It is generally admitted that the money asked for could be used to good advantage but its expenditure must not be entrusted to the men now in power. Why? Here are a few of the reasons advanced:

1. The 1907 council introduced a good scavenging system. Bills were sent out asking for half the payment. About \$400 was paid in. If the bills for the last half of the year had been sent out the response would have been more than \$400. The new council could hardly wait until the opening of the first council meeting to change this method, and they now charge no fee but pay the cost out of "current revenue." The result is that a great many people living in rented property pay nothing for this service, while the heavy taxpayer pays many times more than he ought to pay. But that is not the worst of it, the town cannot afford to pay this item out of current revenue. Some of the debenture money would have gone for this purpose. The ratepayers realize a step backward in this respect.
2. More money has been paid officials this year for doing less work than was done last year.
3. The 1907 council took steps before the close of the year to collect the taxes due the town. The new council dropped the matter as soon as they got into power.
4. The council have actually attempted to bonus a political issue of a local paper to the extent of a paltry thirty dollars. The people's

money cannot be used for any such purpose.

5. The present mayor told the public on two different occasions that there was no current revenue surplus in 1907. The auditor's report shows that His Worship's side of the truth about \$2,500.

6. The people now see that the 1907 council placed the business of the town on a business basis.

7. They also see that His Worship is certainly getting back to the ways of big deficits.

8. The public cannot understand Mayor Trimble stating openly that the money could not be raised for the drain because the ditch had been dug wrong end to (or an equally sensible argument) and then proceed to ask that the money be so raised.

The ratepayers have signified their wish with no uncertain sound and we can only wait to see if the Trimble-Hotson members will do the wish of the people as they are pledged to do.

Open Letter to the Editor of the Western Globe:

I am thankful for the compliments bestowed upon me in your last issue. But my parents in

raising me gave me three commandments to follow that I have observed all my life. The first was never to insult an old man, the second was to shun a liar, and the third was never to strike a drunken fool. So go on with your abuse, as men of sense look on you as a whitewash standing on street corners barking at everything that passes in sight. But I will look it over as the Irishman did when the jack ass kicked him and consider where it comes from.

Now Mr. Editor you spoke of borrowing the Globe. I took it for a while but it was so full of scandal it would not make good gun wadding, so I quit your dirty sheet.

CHAS. WEST.

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LACOMBE BRANCH: E. K. STRATHY, Manager.

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Elegant New Hats Just Received

Beautiful Creations, and to be sure the newest. These we received on Monday and are now on display in our Millinery section. Of course there are a few who have not as yet chosen their new hats, and to them, and all, we invite inspection of these latest importations. Several very pretty "Merry Widow" sailors amongst them.

Our 5 Roses Flour - Best Quality

Have you a reputation as a bread maker? You know just how annoying it is to have batches not turn out just right. Don't rise properly. Or a little heavy. Yet you follow your favorite recipe to the letter. Nine times out of ten it is the flour that is not of uniformly fine quality. No other flour can surpass our Five Roses Brand in quality and in purity. In the hands of a good breadmaker, it yields the whitest, lightest, sweetest and most nutritious bread that can be made. Try it.

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Russel Block

Lacombe

Master Peter's Pride

PETER wore a velvet suit, with silver buttons, and cuffs and collar of "real lace," and he strolled across the lawn with a lordly air. He would be a lord, a "real lord," some day. His nurse had told him so this morning as she was dressing him, and all this beautiful place, this lovely garden, which at present belonged to his grandfather, would be and by be his.

Peter felt very grand indeed as he strolled along, for too grand to talk to the shabby, sunburnt boy engaged in weeding one of the gravel walks who touched his cap respectfully, and ventured to make a remark upon the fineness of the day. Peter frowned and tossed his head, and looked at the boy scornfully.

"I don't talk to common boys," he said. "I'm going to be a lord." And he strutted on his way toward the sundial, near which a peacock was running itself and spreading its splendid tail.

Peter had a bit of bread crumbling in a pocket of his velvet suit that he had saved from dinner, and now drawing it out, he broke a piece off and threw it toward the peacock. But the peacock, instead of the gravel walk, its tail-feathers took no notice except to eye the bit of bread and Peter scornfully, just as he had eyed the shabby, sunburnt boy a few moments before.

"Pshaw! It seemed to say, 'Who are you? What is your velvet suit, with its silver buttons and lace collar, and to my tail? I don't talk to little boys, even if they are going to be lords. I'm a peacock!'"

Just beyond the sundial there was a flight of stone steps leading down to a river, along which a swan was sailing slowly and majestically.

And when Peter found that the peacock would have nothing to do with him, he turned and descended these stone steps, throwing a bit of bread toward the swan. But the swan seemed nearly as proud as the peacock, and Peter-for it did not bend its neck or turn toward him.

So Peter made a great effort to throw a piece of bread to it, but as the swan was so grand and he was standing on the bottom step, while Peter was green and slippery, the next moment there was a splash and a little scream, and Peter was in the river.

PRIDE HAS A FALL

The water was not very deep just there, but Peter was so small, and so very frightened that it was fortunate that the garden boy heard his scream and came hurrying to the rescue. Without a moment's hesitation he waded into the water, where Peter was gasping and floundering, lifted him up in his arms and carried him up the steps.

The swan, frightened by the splash and scream, was swimming away in a very undignified manner, while the peacock on the bank had just put down its tail and walked off hurriedly.

As for Peter-well, he was dripping wet, of course, his velvet suit was quite ruined, while he seemed to have forgotten his pride-the fact that he was going to be a lord-for he was crying very hard indeed, with his face hidden against the garden boy's shoulder, while the garden boy carried him quickly to the house, without laughing at his plight or even pitying him, for, though he was poor and shabby, he had gentlemanly feelings, a fact which surprised Peter, and caused him to think.

He thought about the matter all the time he was having his hair washed, and it was over he went out again into the garden, over the lawn, and toward the sundial. His velvet suit had been changed, now wore a shabby, ordinary, everyday, ordinary, shabby little boy, and he did not strut or toss his head, and when he came to the path where the shabby little garden boy was still weeding he stopped, and held out his hand.

"I want to thank you," he said, in a very friendly voice, just as he would have spoken to a boy like himself-one who was going to be a lord-"I thank you ever so much for getting me out of the river, and for not laughing, and-and to ask you to forgive me for being so rude and-and stuck-up this afternoon. Will you please?"

And the garden boy smiled, and took Peter's little white hand in his big, rough, brown one, and Peter felt strangely happy, far happier than before his pride had had a fall, the pride that he had left behind him in the river.

AMY FOREST.

A Good Game to Play

ANTS are drawn in order to decide who shall be the grasshopper; the ants then seat themselves in a circle, while the grasshopper writes on a piece of paper the name of a grain or food which the grasshopper might be supposed to like.

He puts this in his pocket and then addresses the ants:

"Dear friends, I am very hungry; would any of you kindly give me some food?"

"I have nothing but a grain of barley," says the first ant, and replies the grasshopper, and goes on to the next player.

As soon as any one offers the grain of food which the grasshopper has written down, the paper must be produced, and the one who named the word wins a forfeit and becomes grasshopper.

If no one guesses the word, the grasshopper pays a forfeit. The game then goes on in the same way, until a different question is asked on the second round, as follows:

"Neighbor," says the grasshopper, "I have eaten abundantly and would have a dance. Which would you recommend?"

A waltz, a polka, a quadrille, etc., are suggested, and when this question has been asked, the grasshopper asks what music he can dance to, and the ants suggest the music of the Valse, the polka, the quadrille, etc.

Then the grasshopper says he is tired of dancing and wishes for a bed, and the ants offer him moss, straw, green, etc., to lie upon.

"I should sleep very comfortably," the grasshopper says, "but I am in fear of being pounced upon by a hungry bird. What bird have I most reason to fear?"

The ants answer, the rook, the lark, the cuckoo, etc. In each round, if no ant has guessed the word, that the grasshopper has written on his paper, the latter must pay another forfeit.

When the game is ended, the players, pleased, the forfeit that has been paid must be redeemed by the grasshopper.

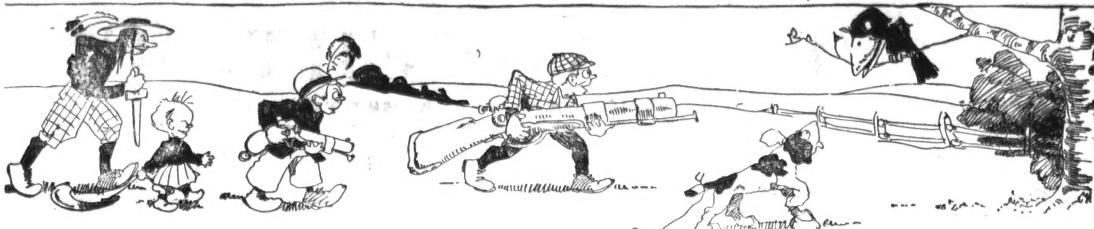
There is a good deal for the grasshopper to do in this game, but it means a great deal of fun all around.

Do You Know?

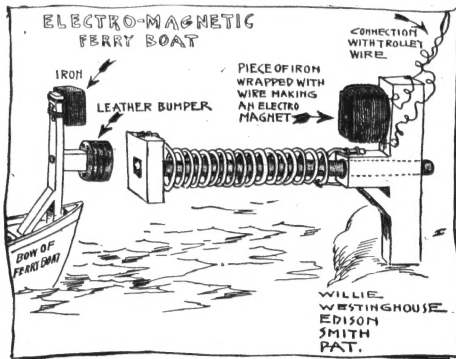
T HAT mice live about three years? That hares can swim quite well? That fish move to deep water in winter?

That grasses' tongues are nearly two feet long? That hanged-worms will poison guinea pigs?

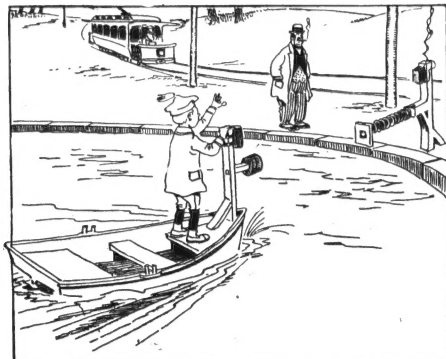
That your heart beats nearly seventy times in a minute? That an elephant isn't "grown-up" till it is 24 years old?



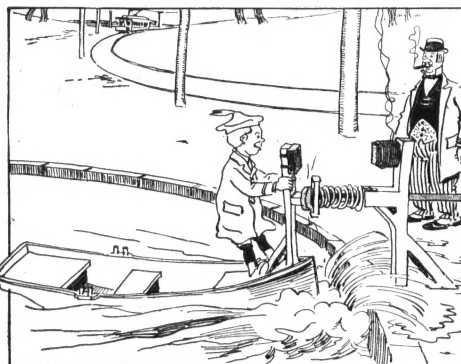
Willie's New-Fangled Ferry Boat Was Too Sudden



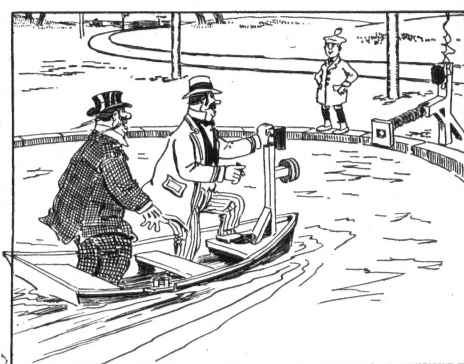
Dear Tommy: Papa took me to a rolling mill where electro magnets lift hundreds of tons. Afterward I thought out a scheme.



Papa is a director of the park trolley and got me permission to make connection near the lake.



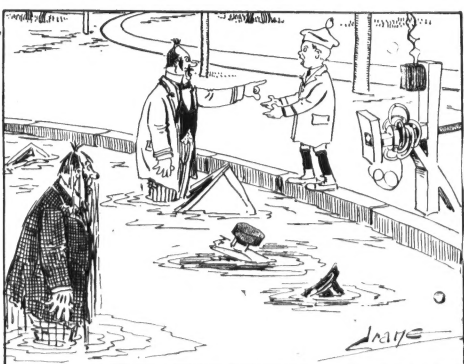
I went across and made a landing with hardly any jar.



up was so pleased that he got the president of the road interested and he made a trip to see it work.



They were both so heavy that I turned on all the current, which was a mistake—



As they struck so hard that the boat buckled up and they both got a cold bath. Yours affectionately, Willie.



An Informal Luncheon

Drawn by Cecil Whittier Trout

THE FASHION FOR FUR COATS

THE English women have started the fashion over here for wearing fur coats instead of coats to match the skirts. Carried to an extreme it is a most expensive fashion, but costly as a fur coat sounds there are hundreds of women, especially those who live out of the cities, who prefer to purchase one fur coat to a new tailor suit every other winter.

It carries one back to the days when a sealskin coat was the wish of every woman who wanted to be warm and well-dressed. Even sealskin has come back in fashion. Every known fur, even to that of the wildcat, which by the way is most beautiful in its tiger coloring of brown and gold, is used.

Whatever a woman can afford that she gets and it is not necessary to look far and wide for inexpensive furs, because the best shops sell them. Every woman should avoid getting really cheap imitation furs. It is not easy to feed the public into thinking you are wearing made for which you have paid \$10 a scarf. There are too many furs from common animals that are more stylish and within the reach of any woman who can afford a good coat suit. It would be interesting, if not helpful, to detail the wardrobes of fashionable women with money who are racing in fur coats since the fashion came in. Their method of fitting themselves out for this season is to get **skirt long and short to wear** (color these coats also to use the coats more as wraps for the fashionable blouse suit. Since the pinneer fashions have become so popular, women are making up their handsomest afternoon gowns in this style.

One woman owns six of these coats in all shapes and for various occasions. She has only one complete

tailor frock for the season and that is a simple tuxedo for morning wear. Never was there a time when fur coats were made with such elaborate trimming and in such fashionable cuts. Usually a fur coat means a loose, comfortable, half-fitting affair that does not pretend to have shape or style, but is made for warmth and to give a look of luxury to the figure. These are worn of the cheaper furs for driving, motor-ing and evening.

Some of them are made at home by women who are skillful and, one might add, who have staunch machine needles. There is a little eton jacket model which is worn over blouse suits, especially those of rich material which are intended for afternoon calling, for luncheon and card parties. It is cut rather square, and does not fit the figure, has elbow sleeves and is usually trimmed off with a collar.

One very good-looking affair is of striped brown fur, single-breasted, cut a little low in the neck and the edges finished all around with a three-inch band of tawny yellowish velvet. Over this is laid a passementerie in festoons made of faintly colored Persian threads to form small roses. This can be bought in most of the shops. It is placed flatly on the velvet and looks as though it were pasted, which is prob-ably true as moultage is playing quite an important part in attaching fine fabrics to each other this season. Back of the fancy edge are heavy fringes of dull brown velvet and the collar is of the velvet and applique with an edge of extra Irish lace. The short sleeve is full and finished below elbow in a cuff that matches the collar.

To go with this coat was a brown cloth skirt suit and a brown blouse. Velvet would be rather than cloth and one could make a good deal of walking skirt at home for rough weather wear

in imitation of one of the new adventures of this style. The blouse beneath is of coffee tinted lace over silk to match and the pinafore is made from a lattice work of the velvet in two-inch stripes. This goes over the shoulders, is not cut very low in front as the lace shows under it to the belt. The edges are finished with a brown silk cord which is arranged in little loops at every inch. The sleeves are made with the lattice work over the upper half and they are finished below bend of arm with a straight cuff of lace.

Another fur coat made of mink had a remarkable addition in the way of huge puff sleeves of coarse brown felt, not over brown silk with a deep cuff of fur and a circular ruffle like a cape at the top. This idea was brought out by Prevall, of Vienna, and has been copied by women who want a novel touch on a plain fur coat.

Young girls are wearing when they can find the fur short pony jackets of wildcat skin which has large brown spots on a yellow background. They trim this with a broad edge of brown velvet and silk cord and fasten it down the front with the cords over fringes down each side. Many of these have the high storm collar that reaches almost to the ear.

Squirrel, which had too much vogue in a short time, has not returned to fashion, so minkskin is preferred for gey suits. The best choice for a woman who has a good deal of black in her wardrobe is a coat of Persian lamb or Astrakhan which she can have made in any smart cut. Under this she can wear a dark blue suit even a brown skirt. It will go over any light colored house frock and will save her the necessity of getting a tailor suit. She can make a plan of a maid walking skirt at home for rough weather wear

and then use up all her blouse suits. There is a very pretty style in this coat which is merely a half-fitting sacque coat. It has good lines at the back and is put into loose side skirts below belt. The fronts are single-breasted, fastened high with patch pockets on hip and at bust. These are nice deep ones with a button flap that will hold purse, handkerchief, card-case and all sorts of trifles that will keep the hands free. Every woman knows the discomfort of having to hold numerous small things in half-frozen fingers. She does not even want to keep them in the muff as they fall out every ten minutes.

If a woman cares for a touch of vivid color on a black coat she will find the Russian method quite attractive. This is seen on some of the handsomest coats. It consists of small triangles of red and blue on a black or cream ground, put close together, the points tipping to edge. When made of velvet and heavily pressed, then put at the top of a cuff and the edge of a collar, the effect is quite brilliant and in good taste.

Another way of lightening up a dark fur coat is to cut it in a surplus of V-shaped opening in front, then fill in with a heavy chenille and storm collar of colored cloth fastened with small metal buttons. This is not always a pretty fashion, but it pleases a number of women.

For stormy weather, for open air country life, for long drives which are necessary to some women in getting to and from their homes the luxurious fur coat is a luxury. The kind which are most popular for this purpose is the rough motor coat usually worn by the chauffeur. They are not costly and most of them are imported from French Columbia or from the

camp in the Maine woods. The hair is long and coarse and stands any amount of snow or rain without harm. They are commonly sold in the large cities but it is only recently that women have begun to wear them for all ordinary purposes, in truth they are worn for all gay purposes now as they are much in style for evening wear over thin frocks, especially low-necked ones by women who suffer from the cold.

While in the long run any kind of fur coat saves money to the wearer, there are many women who have bought their coat suits and who are putting their money into a neck piece and muff.

The changes in these have changed little in the last three years. The broad pelrine is still in style and in either Russian or Russian fur, sable or New England mink, it is an extremely pretty and warm addition to any costume. The small scarf which is flat and lined with satin to match and trimmed with beads and tails is a most effective neck piece. The fine sable and silver foxes are made up in this way and the muffs to match are sometimes of velvet or brown net or pointed cloth with a single fox wrapped around the center in a careless fashion. Such a set is very effective.

There is a great disposition among the women to wear coats in fur, even those who have them are not wearing them as much as formerly. Instead they are trimming their coats with great quantities of fur and carrying a large muff. Coats with a wide white cape of fur to match or to harmonize and deep cuffs at the wrists. This gives a very effective look of warmth to any set and a more and more than that the

The fashion of trimming a coat with fur is not as expensive as buying a scarf but it does restrict its wearer to that one costume. Many women have odd pieces of fur which they do not know how to use and these can be cut into and put on coat suits and then the money for fur invested in a separate piece which will serve for better wear.

The fashion for fur coats has brought in the style for fur hats which we have never been totally without but which seems to have taken a new lease of life. Tailors have made the mushroom shapes not much larger, set in the coat in which they are used the fur in the same way as the hat.

Recent fashions are made of American fur, sharp pointed crown and long fur, with the side close down in a simple, smart style. The hat is a large, round, with a wide brim, and is made of the same material as the coat. The hat is a large, round, with a wide brim, and is made of the same material as the coat.

A wonderfully carved crown of brown leather, with arched and back, simple design.

Such a gorgeous belt of the new black silk velvet, about ten or twelve inches wide. It was fitted round the waist and had at the top with cut steel beads and pink stones. In front and down the entire length was a design in steel and settings of large pink stones.

A beautiful frock of red coral, set in a polished setting of a woman's head, set in a place one could find.

A large, handsome belt, beautifully decorated at the top and part of the handle was a whitish, all in Dutch silver.

In Dutch silver, a small ducky, on each side of which was two covered baskets.

An oval, with decorated top, had small oval water on it, all in Dutch silver.

A very large standing oval mirror, set in a polished setting of silver frame. It was very handsome.

A tiny automobile made entirely of flange silver.

A very handsome hot cake server, of Dutch silver, the round oval handle being unusually large and the handle beautifully decorated.

Candlesticks of Bohemian glass, had the top quite large and scalloped, which dropped over, and hanging from each scallop was a long cut glass drop. They were very odd.

Spool holders and punchions combined, with nickel foundations, for one or four spoons.

Six-covered hair pins, which will match any colored hair.

A tiny silver stand, with ring at the top, on which were suspended tiny silver tongs, poker and heart brush, all of silver.

A very attractive corker, the kind that draws the cork without pulling, was made of a slender horn, dark brown and tipped on each end with silver.

A large glass dish, engraved, and the tall curved over the light, the stem was the handle, the bowl being entirely of silver. It is for wine or cordial.

A silver composite had a divided glass relish dish, in the center of which was a glass tumbler.

A beautiful electroplate was composed of a canopy of white glass beads and fringed all around underneath was a female figure in white glass.

An electroplate was a small white box, square holding the light, the stem was the handle, the bowl being entirely of silver. It is for wine or cordial.

A very handsome oval glass decanter, the shape of a pig, had large oval silver stopper.

Such attractive work, one white and the other pair, pink cloth, each edged with marabout feathers all around.

Properties of Chlorine.

Chlorine is a greenish, poisonous gas with a disagreeable smell. It is soluble in cold water, only slightly soluble in hot water. It destroys color in wet fabrics, and is also a strong disinfectant.

Both of these properties are said to be due to its power of decomposing organic compounds, such as water, containing with the hydrogen and liberating oxygen, which, in a heated state, oxidizes coloring matter, rendering it colorless.

As a disinfectant it oxidizes the germs of disease, and is in consequence largely used for this purpose.

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CIVIL SERVICE REFORM

Mr. Borden Asks for Full Fair Inquiry. To Complete the Work so Well Begun by the Royal Commission.—Ministers Angry: Find Much Fault with Commissioners; Accuse Them of Going Beyond Their Duty; and Refuse to Allow Any Further General Inquiry.

Ottawa, May 2.—"That the investigation conducted by the civil service commission was confessedly partial and incomplete."

"That the proposed inquiry before Mr. Justice Cassels is unsatisfactory and insufficient inasmuch as it relates the only one paragraph of the report of that commission and touches but a portion of the administration of one department."

"That this house regrets the deplorable extravagance, waste, inefficiency and maladministration revealed by that report and declares that immediate steps should be taken to reform and redress the same."

"That the public interest imperatively demands the appointment of an independent commission with full powers to make a thorough and searching investigation into the several departments of the public service."

The above resolution was moved in the House on Thursday, April 30th, by the leader of the Opposition. It was rejected at 1 o'clock Friday morning by the regular party majority.

An Angry Cabinet.

In the discussion, and in the debate on the same subject two days before, Sir Wilfrid and no less than five other ministers took part, complaining bitterly that their own Royal Commission had undertaken to investigate and report on the conduct of public business by the departments. Premier and ministers were willing that the commission should discuss salary and classification of civil servants, but are indignant at the audacity of Messrs. Courtney, Fyche and Bazin in disclosing the real condition of the departments. They hold that the commissioners had no business with such questions as the vicious use of patronage to demoralize the service, lack of conscience in officials, payment of double prices for supplies, want of principle in administration, control of public officers by contractors, extravagant desire to spend as much money as possible, and the prevalence of plunder and graft. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Aylesworth, Mr. Fielding and Mr. Brodeur in turn have condemned the commissioners more strongly than they have as yet censured the offences reported. The whole line of grafters in and out of the House have joined in the condemnation. "What thief ever felt the halter draw With good opinion of the law?"

They Didn't Know in Time.

It was touching to hear the ministers lament that they had not even known that the commissioners were inquiring into these solemn matters until it was all over. Had they known they would doubtless have done as they and their fol-

lowers do in the public accounts committee—choked off the investigation. Three times in the last two sessions the government majority on the call of the premier voted down resolutions for inquiry into matters of administration. They headed off an investigation into the management and sale of western lands. They suppressed an inquiry into the purchase of marine department supplies. They narrowed down the Arctic investigation. Before that they refused an examination into Yukon charges. Now they have been caught napping by a commission of their own appointment, and have had one department partly investigated before they could stop it.

The Debaters.

Mr. Borden supported his motion by an able review of the report, which was followed by powerful speeches from Mr. Foster, Mr. Bennett, Col. Sam. Hughes and Mr. Brodeur. On Tuesday Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Lennox, Mr. Northrup and Mr. Blain discussed the same question. On the Government side the ministers, realizing the delicate situation, conducted the defence for themselves, Sir Wilfrid, Mr. Fielding, Mr. Aylesworth, Mr. Paterson, Mr. Fisher, and Mr. Brodeur making their respective pleas.

Should Recall the Commission.

The statements in Mr. Borden's resolution could not be contradicted. No less than four ministers admitted that the commissioners had made an incomplete investigation. The commissioners themselves repeatedly report that in the time allowed them by the government they could not finish their inquiry into the Marine Department, and could not even take up a similar investigation into other spending departments. They showed what they could do and what they could find if they were given opportunity. If the government desired an investigation, as the country evidently does, the thing to do was to ask the commissioners to return to their task and carry it through with the same courage and thoroughness that they have shown in the examination so far conducted. That is what Mr. Borden recommended. He and his comrades declared that though these commissioners were Liberal, selected by a Liberal Government, the Conservative party was satisfied to have the work left with them. If these commissioners were not available then another commission equally independent and with full power should be appointed to do this important and necessary work.

Full Inquiry Refused.

The Government refuses either to continue the old commission or to appoint a new one with similar authority. Knowing that the matter could not rest where the commission left it, the accused Government has caused Judge Cassels to be appointed to hold an inquiry, not into all departments, but only into one, and only so far into that as may be necessary to find out who was meant by the commissioners' charges of dishonesty and whether these charges are well founded. The judge will pass upon the question, but two lawyers chosen to prosecute research, in the House that no one should collect the information and present it to this judge. These lawyers longed, since lawyers would in any case be true to their client. The

clares he is not accused, will control the case.

An Astonishing Choice.

The Government comes out worst of all in the employment of counsel. Everyone will say that it was essential that the lawyers acting for the people of Canada should have no partisan motive for shielding the guilty. The late Sir John Thompson understood this, and in the McGreevy inquiry, when the Government was accused, he called in as counsel for the nation the late B. B. Osler, a leader of the Ontario Bar, and a pronounced Liberal. Who has Mr. Aylesworth selected to carry on this case? Not two Conservative lawyers, not one lawyer of each party, not two independent, non-partisan jurists, not even two moderate Liberals out of active politics, but two machine members of the party who are for special reasons disqualified beyond all others. One of them is Mr. Watson of Toronto, lately chairman of a Liberal organization, the same lawyer who was selected by the late Premier Ross of Ontario to act for the Government in the whitewashing investigation of the West Elgin election steal. That notorious election conspiracy, with its ghastly record of ballot stuffing and ballot switching, with its horde of imported deputy returning officers acting under false names and manipulating ballots under instruction of a professional; that election which the Liberal candidate confessed to have been stolen, Mr. Aylesworth himself signing the confession as a witness, was reported by the commission under Mr. Watson's management to have been almost free from blame. Looking over the whole field, Mr. Aylesworth picked upon this former associate and experienced whitewasher, to act for the people of Canada in the Marine Department inquiry.

Partner of the Minister.

The associate counsel seems to have been selected by Mr. Brodeur from his own acquaintance. Many of the offences reported by the commission began when Mr. Prefontaine was Minister of Marine, though Mr. Brodeur has continued them. The new commission will deal with much that occurred in Mr. Prefontaine's time. Now, with the whole of the bar of Canada to choose from, Mr. Brodeur selected as counsel in this inquiry Mr. Perron, former law partner of Mr. Prefontaine himself. Mr. Perron is also reported to have been associated with the late minister in many transactions and to have had relations with some Government contractors. These two lawyers are to be responsible for the completeness, thoroughness and fairness of the inquiry. They will decide what ministers and what officials shall be prosecuted and who shall be shielded. Mr. Aylesworth has likened the proposed inquiry to an inquest, following the previous commission's discovery of a corpse. Mr. Borden follows out the simile by saying that the corpse is the body of a once efficient public service, basely slain by the Government, and that the coroner's jury is now to be guided by comrades of the assassin.

True to Their Clients.

Having made a worse than partisan selection of pretended prosecutors, Sir Wilfrid Laurier pleaded in the House that no one should consider to what party counsel be true to their client. The

Premier added that the late Hon. George Brown always employed a Tory lawyer and always received loyal service. This led Mr. Foster to inquire who were the clients of Messrs. Watson and Perron. These counsel are engaged by the head of the accused department. They are paid by the Government. They are instructed by Mr. Aylesworth, who explained that part of these instructions was verbal and therefore could not be brought down to the House. They will be loyal to these ministers. They will help Mr. Brodeur to the best of their ability. They will shield whom he desires to shield, punishing those whom he desires to punish, applying whitewash where the minister requires it.

Verdict in Advance.

Mr. Aylesworth has already given away the secret. Speaking at a recent political meeting, he declared that the Government would "weed out the Tory goats" from the Marine Department, by which mixed metaphor he foretold the operation of his commission. In the House the minister stated that he had instructed the counsel partly in writing and partly by conversation, which latter he could not repeat or produce. The platform speech partly supplies the deficiency. As Mr. Foster suggests, Mr. Watson is evidently to perform the hybrid functions of political gardener and shepherd in this inquiry.

But the Record Stands.

Meanwhile there stands the damning indictment of Messrs. Courtney, Fyche and Bazin, especially of the two latter, both Liberals; a verdict of extravagance, corruption, collusion with contractors, grafting, corrupt use of patronage, disorganization, unfaithfulness, indolence, absence of principle and of constantly increasing demoralization. There remains the statement that much more ought to be investigated. There stands the demand of the Opposition for a full and thorough inquiry, a full and thorough reformation. There abides the Conservative platform, demanding the abolition of political patronage in the civil service, and establishment of control by a non-partisan commission. There is the record of one more refusal to investigate or to reform. The Commons chamber still echoes the sad Government wail over the conduct of its own commission, which had the audacity to discover and reveal a part of the facts. Lastly, we have a miserable attempt to cover up these disclosures by a white-washing commission.

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Conflicting Testimony. Hotson insinuates that The Advertiser was the cause of his defeat for town council at the by-election something more than a year ago. Yet Halpin insinuates that The Advertiser has never done any thing for Lacombe!

What a feeling of sadness must have pervaded Halpin's sanctum to have produced such a diarrhoea of vituperation! The prospective loss of the \$30 bonus proposed by Hotson must have cut deep indeed. The idea of anything that calls itself a newspaper hitching onto Hotson's tail for the sake of a \$30 bonus!

Just as a sample of how near Halpin can come to the truth when he makes a heroic and noble effort we quote the following, one of his statements: "No appropriation was made for the scavenger last year, and he has been paid. Where does the \$1200 he got come from? If the drain had not been put in he would have been paid out of current revenue." Now even poor little Halpin with his befogged brain knows that the scavenger was not paid \$1200 last year out of current revenue or borrowed money, and that had Trimble not refused to receive scavenging fees that were tendered, the scavenger's pay would have come from neither borrowed money nor general revenue. It was Trimble's council and not Gourlay's council who are responsible for any part of the scavenger's salary coming out of either borrowed money or general revenue. As a matter of fact, bills were only sent out for half the year on scavenging fees, and notwithstanding the vigorous opposition almost half the required amount was paid in, and had the Trimble administration sent out the bills at the beginning of the year there is no doubt that there would have been a small surplus.

Why the Bylaw was Defeated.

The so called "cattle" saw a poll on the 9th inst. and evidently took it for a post, and gathered together into a nice bunch until there were thirty-two, which outnumbered the K9 vote and trampled beneath their feet that outrageous bylaw together with the thirty dollars which the council had illegally voted to the Western Globe Liberal political sheet. It's time the council knew that they cannot spend the public money for political campaign literature.

The defeat also speaks in plain language that there is a lack of confidence in the Trimble administration. The elaborate and untarnished side walk between Barris and Trimble avenues on the west side of the Edmonton trail, is a living monument of a wasteful expenditure. Not a house there. Who subdivided the property? (Enquire.)

There was about \$400 to find the levels for a water supply, without one dollar in the treasury to complete such a contract. Whose fault was this? (Enquire.)

To the general public: can we trust the expenditure of our money to a mayor and council who cannot make a better showing than this?

Too much politics in municipal matters.

A Tax-Payer Who Pays His Taxes

I N Burdick is in town, making arrangements to move to the coast. Since leaving Lacombe he has been in business at Stettler, but has now disposed of his stock at that place.

At least six of Calgary's large school buildings will be fitted up for sleeping apartments to accommodate the large crowds that will attend the Dominion Fair at that place June 29 to July 9.

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING.

A special session of the town council was held on Tuesday evening, consideration of the estimates being the special business of the meeting. Mayor and all councillors present.

The secretary read the returning officer's report of the result of the balloting on the debenture bylaw.

The matter of the town furnishing a room for J. P. court purposes was brought up and discussed. On motion the secretary was instructed to write the Attorney General regarding accommodation for trials in criminal cases and ascertain if the government is willing to pay a reasonable sum for use of the council chamber for this purpose.

Council went into committee of the whole to consider the estimates, the chairman of each committee explaining his committee's estimates. The Finance committee asked for \$4,107.50, Fire Water and Light \$1,690, Police Parks and Cemetery \$1,000, Public Works \$500, Bylaw Relief and Health \$1,410. Hotson made a determined effort to add to his estimate \$30 to cover the bonus to the Globe, but could not get sufficient following to put it through, the publicity committee's estimate remaining at \$300. The committee rose and reported recommending the granting of the estimates. On motion the report was adopted.

The estimates as passed amount to a total of \$9,007.50. This, of course is exclusive of the school estimate.

Councillor Vickerson gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would bring in a bylaw to raise by debenture \$3,000 for local improvements for the current year.

Moved by councillor McDermid that the report of the bylaw relief and health committee recommending that the scavenger be engaged for another year be adopted. Carried.

Councillor McDermid gave notice that at the next regular meeting he would bring in a bylaw appointing the scavenger for the year.

Councillor Browne gave notice that he would at the next regular meeting bring in a bylaw to authorize the town to borrow \$4,918 to pay the town's share of cost of drain on Barnett avenue.

Councillor McDermid inquired how arrears of taxes were coming in. The secretary replied none at all. His Worship said something would have to be done to compel payment of these taxes long in arrears. The secretary was instructed to notify the worst ones on the roll that property would be sold for taxes if not paid.

Many Killed in a Tornado in Nebraska.

Lincoln, Neb., May 12. A despatch from Springfield, Neb., says a tornado late today wrecked the towns of Louisville, Bellevue and Richfield killing several persons and injuring a large number. The heaviest loss of life is reported at Louisville. The number of deaths is unknown and no names have been secured, but it is said between 40 and 60 are injured, many seriously and many fatally. The town of Bellevue is declared practically wiped out but is not known that there were many fatalities. Bellevue is the seat of the Presbyterian College.

Omaha, Neb., May 12. Twelve

Great Stock Reducing Sale

Beginning May 16, 1908.

As I am about to move to the west room in the Victoria Hotel Block, on Barnett Avenue, and wish to reduce my stock before moving, I am making big reductions in prices.

Overalls	\$1.00	now	.80
Youths' Overalls	.80	now	.65
Took's Tailor Made Shirts	1.25	now	\$1.00
Took's Negligees	1.00	now	.75
" " "	.75	now	.00
Ties	.50	now	.30
" " "	.35	now	.25
" " "	.25	now	.15
Horse Hide Gloves	2.00	now	1.50
" " "	1.05	now	1.25
" " "	1.50	now	1.20
Men's Working Boots	2.60	for	2.00
" " "	2.00	for	1.60
" " "	2.50	for	1.95
" " "	2.25	for	1.75
" " "	3.50	for	2.50
" " "	4.00	for	3.00
Men's Suits	10.00	for	8.50
" " "	15.00	for	13.50
6 two piece Suits	\$7.25 and 7.00	for	5.50

The above ranges and prices only represent a portion of the goods we can show you at equally low prices.

Alf. J. McLaughlin

The Clothier.

One door east of P. O.

persons are known to have been killed and a score injured by a tornado which swept over the northern part of Sarpy County at five o'clock this afternoon. The storm which gained velocity on its way south, started in Omaha about 4:30 p. m. At Bellevue the college was damaged to the extent of probably \$50,000 and several persons were injured none fatally.

Blackfalds.

Mr. W. H. Reid, of Gravenhurst, Ont., has opened a barber shop in town.

About seventy-five men are now employed in the gravel pit.

The quarterly meeting of the Methodist church of this district was held in the Methodist church here on Monday afternoon. At the conclusion of the meeting, Rev. Gordon, of Lacombe, chairman of Lacombe district, made the announcement that Rev. W. W. Saunders would, in all probability, be appointed to another locality at the annual conference.

Weather permitting, the prospects for the Victoria Day celebration are better than that of any previous year. The Lacombe band has been engaged for the day. A good programme has been arranged and liberal prizes are offered. A concert will be held in the evening under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the English church.

The fire through the timber on the south of the Red Deer river on Thursday and Friday of last week was a thrilling sight. The columns of smoke and flame presented a spectacle not often witnessed by human beings. The width of the river, a change in the wind, and the heavy downpour of rain stayed the progress of the devastating element. At one time it was thought the elect-

ric power plant, on this side of the river must fall a prey to the flames but the conditions mentioned above saved the situation.

A large force of men are at work raising and improving the dam at the power plant.

C. M. Larson, O. M. Johnson, and Chas. Stephenson left on Wednesday of last week by way of Edmonton for the mountain district in the neighborhood of the Yellowhead pass where they expect to stake out valuable mineral claims.

Death.

At Lacombe, on Saturday, May 9th, occurred the death of Thomas Earl, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Gourlay, aged 6 months and 23 days. The funeral services, conducted by Rev. M. White, were held at the family residence at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The sympathy of the entire community is extended to the family in their sad bereavement.

Ten Thousand Celestials Drowned in a Tidal Wave.

Victoria, May 12. News of one of the greatest disasters that China has known, a sudden tidal bore in the Yang Tze Kiang, which involves the loss of nearly 10,000 lives at Hankow, was brought by the steamer Titan which arrived tonight. A bore 20 feet in height flooded, without warning, down the river, overwhelming thousands of junks, sampans and small boats, and wrecking some larger steamers.

Mr. Bell, agent of Butterfield & Swire at Yokohama, who arrived by the Blue Funnel liner, stated that the disaster has caused tremendous loss of life, far greater, it was estimated, than the great typhoon at Hong Kong of eighteen months ago, when ten thousand Chinese were snuffed out.

It is usual, said Mr. Bell, to send a telegram down the river when such a freak occurs. The telegram was delayed, finally arriving about the same time as the wall of water which swept down upon the sleeping people in the early morning, overturning thousands of craft and sweeping away thousands of Chinese to

the torrent that swept seaward.

Some 3,000 Chinese were sleeping in sampans and small craft, in sheds and huts by the riverside at Hankow and were enveloped by the great waste which swept broken junks, splintered sampans and a heterogeneous mass of debris with swarms of drowned Chinese mixed with the wreckage. The scenes for many days after the disaster were horrible. The river side was strewn with dead and debris of wrecked craft for many miles.

Cancellation of Wolf Bounty

Notice is hereby given, that after April 20th, 1908, no more Wolf Bounty Warrants will be issued.

GEO. HARCOURT,
Deputy Minister
of Agriculture.

GOVERNMENT SEED GRAIN FOR SALE.

After filling all requirements for Government seed oats, there will be a surplus remaining, which I am authorized to place on the market at 85 cents per bushel, sacked, delivered at country stations.

These oats have all been imported recently, either from Prince Edward Island or Great Britain. The British oats comprise Abundance, Banner, Waverly, and number one English varieties, and weigh from 41 to 45 pounds per bushel. The Prince Edward Island oats are an excellent milling variety, weight 39 to 40 pounds per bushel.

Besides the above a quantity of 2 White Alberta grown oats are also available for sale at 70 cents per bushel on the same terms and conditions.

All of the above are white varieties, and the finest procurable, and upon arrival have been very carefully re-cleaned. These oats will be sold in two ways, either for cash or on time.

When sold for cash, postal or express orders, currency, or marked cheque must accompany order. All cheques must be made payable at Edmonton.

When sold on time, applicants will be required to give chattel mortgage for seed the same as required of applicants for the regular seed grain distribution. There is no limit to quantity that will be supplied to any applicant.

All orders for Alberta must be made to Geo. Harcourt, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Edmonton.

Orders will be filled as received until the surplus is disposed of. Named varieties ordered by customers will be supplied as far as possible, but the undersigned reserves the right of substituting any of the above varieties if unable to supply the one desired.

C. C. CASTLE,
Purchasing Agent,
Box 1327, Winnipeg, Man.

April 21, 1908.

SEED POTATOES!

Choice extra early Ohio Junior seed potatoes for sale at 50 cents per bushel.

Chas. West.

Railway St. next to Union Bank.

Gull Lake Cottages For Rent!

Three cottages to rent for the season at Gull Lake, also two cottages for sale. For particulars address H. Brownlow, Bentley, Alta.

Miss Ceiba Michener

GRADUATE IN MUSIC.

Prepares pupils for the Toronto Conservatory Exams in Piano and Theory. \$7.50 for ten lessons.

Studio, Michener Block, Red Deer.

FOR SALE.

I have 12 yearling heifers for sale, or will trade for steers.

JAR. EADE,

Sec. 28-41-27, W. 4. Lacombe, P. O.

Horse for Sale

Sorrel mare 10 years old, in foal, weight about 1200, drive single or double. \$125.

W. B. PENNINGTON.

5 miles east of Morinville.

Hospital Fund.

Lacombe, April 2.

Total cash on hand.....\$1051.25

Amount paid for hospital site.....311.50

Total contributions to date.....\$1374.75

Dominion Exhibition

CALGARY, ALBERTA,
June 29th to July 9th, 1908

\$25,000 in Prizes.
\$60,000 expended in new buildings and improvements. \$13,000 in Purses.

Strobel's Air Ship. The Novello's Great Trained Animal Show, and other high class attractions.

91st Highlanders Band,
Iowa State Band,
Rough Riding by Real Cowboys,
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